

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 11-13 are amended. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 11 are independent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Claim Objections

In response to the Examiner's objection to the informalities in claims 3 and 4, claims 3 and 4 are amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the objection in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-8 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite because of the use of the term "JAVA". This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to overcome this rejection, 1-8 and 11-13 are amended herein to correct each of the deficiencies specifically pointed out by the Examiner. In particular, the term "JAVA" is replaced by "object-oriented programming language".

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in proper form and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a)

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by "Data Binding from XML to Java, Part 3", by McLaughlin (McLaughlin-3), published on September 14, 2000;

Claims 1 and 3-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over "Data Binding from XML to Java, Part 4", by McLaughlin (McLaughlin-4), published on October 1, 2000; and

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McLaughlin-4 in view of McLaughlin-3 as applied to claim 8 above, and in further view of "Data Binding from XML to Java, Part 2", by McLaughlin (McLaughlin-2), published in August 2000.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In response, the Examiner is directed to the attached Declaration Submitted Under 37 CFR § 1.131, in which the Applicant states that "the present application was fully conceived by me prior to January 26, 2000". The Declaration includes copies of a document by the inventor dated January 26, 2000 confirming a date of an invention prior to the references cited by the Examiner.

Inasmuch as McLaughlin-3 and McLaughlin-4 were published after the date of the present invention, these references cannot be used to reject any of independent claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 7 of the present application.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 are in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claim 10 based on the combination of McLaughlin-4, McLaughlin-3 and McLaughlin-2, is now moot.

Dependent claims 5, 6, and 8-10 are also in condition for allowance due to their dependency from allowable independent claims, or due to the additional novel features set forth therein.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a) are respectfully requested. All claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject claims, but merely to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

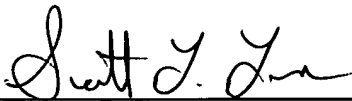
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 205-8000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application. The required fee of \$110.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1602.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1602 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Declaration Submitted Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131